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OF THE

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MIDDLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OF NORTH CAROLINA

HELD WITH THE

SPRING STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

In the City of Henderson, N. C., Beginning on Wednesday After the First Lord's Day in

OCTOBER, 1920

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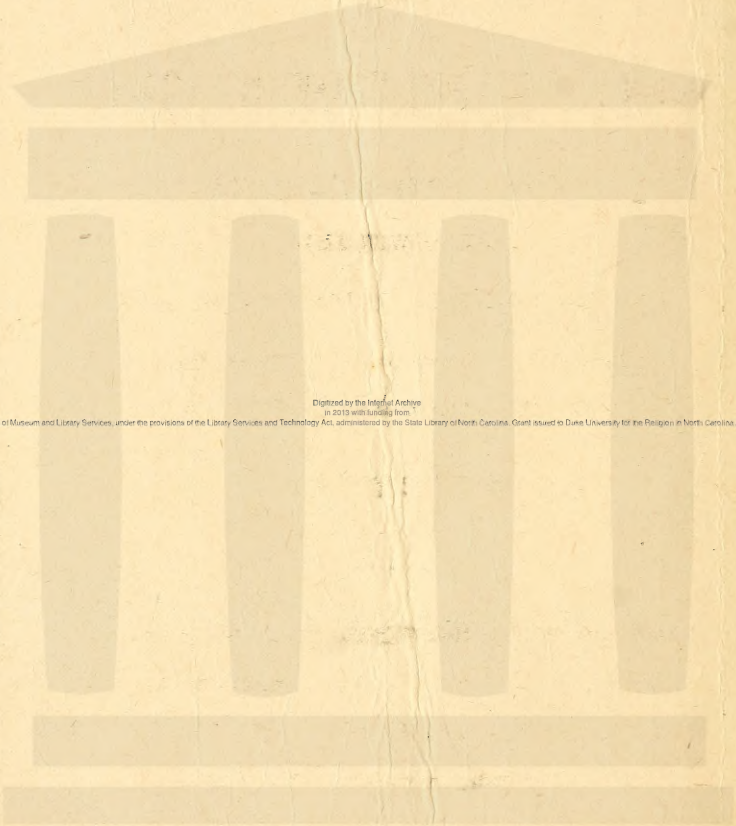

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MINUTES

Of the 31st Session of the

Middle Baptist Association of North Carolina

Pursuant to adjournment of the Middle Baptist Association of North Carolina convened with the Spring Street Baptist Church in the city of Henderson the first Wednesday in October, 1920, being the 6th day of the month continued the 7th and 8th. Promptly at 11:00 o'clock A. M. the Moderator, Rev. S. L. Parham, called the meeting to order. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Eli B. Thompson, who announced hymn 800 (B. H. B.) "Go Preach My Gospel Saith the Lord, etc." The pastor, Rev. S. G. Grigg, read the 37th Psalm, prayer by Rev. Thompson. "Oh, How I Love Jesus etc." was lead by Rev. Grigg. The Moderator then came forward to announce the session duly opened for business which he did by saying it was a special delight to him to declare the thirty-first session of the Middle Baptist Association was now duly organized for the transaction of any and all business that might legally claim the attention of the body and very briefly explained the reason why the programs were just in hand, etc. After these explanations the Pastor, Rev. Grigg, rose and came forward to welcome the members and friends of the Association to the hospitalities of his church and their friends in the city which he did in the following address: "Brother Moderator, and dear brethren of the Middle Baptist Association of North Carolina. It is a perfect pleasure to me to welcome you to the hospitalities of my church and people, for whom; and among whom I have labored over thirty years. We have longed to have you come to us and as soon as we could get partially prepared, we called you up. We have been preparing, and expecting you. You may not get much chicken, as they cost so much here in the city, but will give you all kinds of chops, a substitute. We welcome you for the cause you espouse; who you are; and for what you stand especially for the great educational drive you are fostering. This is the third church of mine to entertain an Association this year; but we are no-ways weary, nor no-ways tired; in the name of all that's good, and for God, I bid

you welcome to the homes and comforts of the good people of this city; for they are our friends and yours also." Deacon J. H. Peace, responded in the following brief, but appropriate words: "Brother Moderator, and dear brethren, I feel I can really speak for this body, as I have been identified with this Association for thirty years, and wish to assure this church and the people of this city and community that they will find this Association is composed of ministers, messengers and well behaved, high-toned, Christian gentlemen" and called upon the brethren to prove this statement true by their good deportment.

The enrollment of churches and messengers resulted as follows:

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS
Allen's Chapel	J. C. Kelly
Aaron's Creek	Norman Smith
Blue Wing	E. M. Tuck, B. L. Royster
Big Ruin Creek	B. W. and H. W. Williams
Baptist Grove	
Concord	C. H. Plummer, J. T. McKnight
Davis Chapel	Harry Umstead
Flat Creek	Stephen Hart, Leonard Bullock
Harris Hill	Thomas Townes
Louisburg	J. L. Cooke, J. A. Levister, F. C. Littlejohn
Michener's Grove	J. I. McKnight
Michael's Creek	B. G. Taylor, Plumer Marrow
New Bethel	F. C. Carpenter
New Grassy Creek	Matthew Chavis, J. Howard
Nut Bush	Erskin Sneed, G. R. Brame
New Corinth	J. H. Peace, M. Daniel
New Johnathan Creek	Eli B. Thompson
Nelson Chapel (F. C.)	
Nelson Chapel (G. C.)	
Philadelphia	
Red Bud	G. W. Henderson
Shiloh Kittrell	Daniel Burwell
Stovall Chapel	
Spring Street	R. S. Frazier, Daniel Harris
Shiloh Henderson	W. Perry, J. E. Scott, J. H. Satterwhite
Welcome Chapel	W. J. Solomon

Bro. J. H. Peace called the attention of the Association to the unfinished business respecting the Peace

Institute. On motion of J. H. Satterwhite the school question be set for the second day's morning session. The report of the delegates to the State Convention was called for. The delegate came forward in response, and very implicitily explained possibly every phase of the work of the State Convntion and urged the brethren to attend these meetings, by so doing they will keep in touch with the leading figures of the State. Bro. J. E. Scott, made some worthy remarks, endorsing what had been said and moved the adoption of the report. Bro. J. H. Satterwhite begged leave to read a letter from Rev. H. Hicks. After the reading of the letter a motion was made to donate to Bro. Hicks by a collection. The collection amounted to $6.67.

Benediction by Rev. Eli B. Thompson.

First Day Afternoon Session

At the appointed hour the Association re-assembled. Praise service by Rev. J. I. McKnight assisted by Rev. J. S. Williams. Rev. Williams used hymn 626 "Come Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove etc." Rev. McKnight read entire 13th chapter of 1st Cor. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Blackwell. No. 543 was joyously sung by congregation. The Moderator then came to the chair, and announced the meeting in order for business. The minutes of the morning session was read and approved. Next in order was the introductory sermon by Rev. T. H. Burwell. Rev. Burwell ascended the rostrum assisted by Rev. W. A. Blackwell, while the choir led, "Oh, How I Love Jesus," Rev. Blackwell read the first 13 verses of the 18th chapter of Matthew. Prayer by Rev. Eli B. Thompson. 637, "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord" was sung. Rev. Burwell rose and said he was fulfilling his second substitute position, but if you pray I may not fail yet. I invite your attention to these words of Scripture found in the 8th Psalm 4th verse. This sermon was powerful in its delivery; glorious in its fullness of expression; spiritual in feeling; and entertaining in logic and thought. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Levister. The following committees were announced: committee on finnance and letters, committee on constitution and by-laws, committee on education, committee on obituary or condolence, committee on place, committee on new churches, committee on appropriations.

Rev. A. W. Peguese was present and made some very brief remarks, encouraging the Association to stand firm in the liberties wherewith Christ had made them free. Dr. A. P. Eaton, was introduced to the Association, and in response said he was proud to be here among the people of God, especially in Spring Street Baptist Church.

First Day's Evening Session

Promptly at 8 o'clock P. M. the services were begun. The appointee, Rev. W. A. Blackwell, being present. The services began by the choir leading in the singing "Just As I Am Without One Plea". The Moderator then introduced Rev. Blackwell, the Preacher. Rev. Blackwell read Ezekiel 34th chapter to 10th verse. Prayer by Rev. Eli B. Thompson. Choir then led "Nearer My God to Thee" Rev. Blackwell announced his text, 10th chapter of St. John 1st verse; subject, Christ, the Door. From this subject he dealt very timely along the lines of Christianity as is found from the Scriptures, and Revelations. At the close of this wonderful sermon, a very fervent prayer was offered by Rev. Standfield. Bro. M. G. Cele, of Hampton Association, 19 W. 44th St., New York City was introduced to the Association by the Moderator. Bro. Cele came forward and thanked the Association for their kindness in allowing him to speak to them at this time. He said he was a Missionary from Zulaland, Africa; he then spoke briefly of the traits and customs, and habits of the people of that land, he closed a very interesting talk and explained in detail the need of African civilization. A collection was raised of $33.00.

Benediction by Moderator.

Second Day's Morning Session

At 10 o'clock A. M. the Association was called to order. Praise service conducted by Rev. J. C. Cobb and Rev. J. A. Levister. Rev. Levister sang "In All My Lord's Appointed Way". Rev. Cobb, then read the 5th chapter of John to the 25th verse, and offered prayer. Second hymn No. 632. "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord." Bro. Warren Perry then offered prayer. After this service the Moderator announced the meeting opened ready

for business. The minutes of the previous session was read and approved. The order of the day was then called. Consideration of the Peace Institute located at Stovall, N. C., in Granville county; on motion of the Secretary, Bro. J. H. Peace, the founder of the Institute be allowed 15 minutes or more to explain the origin of the school. Brother Peace briefly, but fully explained all the details of the school, to the satisfaction of the Association, whereupon a lengthy and spirited discussion followed, so much so that Rev. J. A. Lvister made a motion to retain the proposition in the Association in for further consideration. (Motion voted down) The Moderator ruled that the next thing to do was to elect a board of trustees. On a motion made by Bro. Daniel Burwell that five members should constitute the board of trustees (carried) whereupon the following named brethren were placed in nomination: J. H. Satterwhite, T. H. Burwell, P. M. Wyche, J. M. Taylor, B. G. Taylor Stephen Hart, J. S. Williams, S. L. Parham, J. H. Peace. The vote was taken, and the result was as follows: Satterwhite 4, Burwell 50, Wyche 55, J. M. Taylor 38, B. G. Taylor 51, Hart 42, Williams 28, Parham 57, Peace 58. Peace, Parham, Wyche, B. G. Taylor, T. H. Burwell, being the five with greater number of votes, was by the Moderator declared the legally elected Trustees for the Peace Institute. Rev. C. H. Williamson and Rev. Eli B. Thompson each became life-time members by paying a fee of $1.00. Dr. A. W. Peguese, was invited to say something after his thinking, the Doctor in reply said he would have to speak out of the deep emotions of his heart concerning the unprepared ministry of the Baptist denomination and after dealing with the subject of the leadership, and the great need of well prepared and trained leaders he concluded urging the brethren to make greater sacrifices, pray more, strive harder to equip themselves to meet the greater demands of the responsibilities, that is coming upon the Baptist cause, Sister J. W. Scott, rose and begged permission to endorse every word the Doctor said, and added that unless something was done to better conditions the Baptist ministry would eventually fall short, compared with the strides of other denominations. On motion of Bro. G. R. Brame, the Moderator's annual mesage be postponed until the afternoon session (carried) Adjournment.

Benediction by Rev. J. S. Williams.

Second Day's Afternoon Session.

Re-assembled 2:30 o'clock P. M. Devotional service Rev. J. C. Hicks, —— Umstead. 562 was led by Hicks. Umstead read Mark 4th chapter to 14th verse. Prayer by Rev. Billy Williams. The Vice-Moderator came to the chair, announced the meeting duly opened, and asked the Association to sit quietly and listen attentively to the annual message of the President. After masterful rendition, a motion was not to submit the message to a committee, but publish it in the Reformer and place in the minutes just as it came first-handed. (carried) See message elsewhere. Committee on Finance and Letters reported (see report) Treasurer reported (see report). The hour for an educational address to be delivered by Hon. and Prof. J. Y. Eaton, having arrived the Moderator introduced the speaker who in turn came forward in his easy and quiet manner and in part said: "Brother Moderator and members of this great and glorious Middle Baptist Association: I sincerely thank you for the honor conferred upon men, by deeming me worthy to speak to you on this inexhaustible subject 'Education.' First I must do that I seldom do, and that is to offer some excuses, but I am so enthused over the educating of our people and all the folks, I will briefly as follows." This address was much in line and befitting in purpose at this time of establishing our Peace Institute. A rising vote of appreciation was called. (See address elsewhere.) Rev. Dr. C. W. Williamson was then introduced and allowed to represent his work or school, the Shiloh Institute near Norlina in Warren county, North Carolina. The Doctor came to his task manfully, and dealt with the matter in hand, with fullness and quoted Dr. C. S. Brown as saying "The Shiloh Institute has the best location in the State of North Carolina," and closed by saying the Baptist must educate or die. Brother Smith to whom the scholarship was given said he wished to say to the Association that he could not thank them too much for what they had done for him. Rev. Willis Henderson was heard, who spoke of the firm stand we, as parents and Christians, must take in restraining our children and in condemning certain forms of modern sins. Committee on Place reported (see report) Letters were read from Bro. and Sister M. A. Evans, after which a collection followed, amounting to $8.10 Adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. J. C. Cobb.

Second Day's Evening Session.

Re-assembled 8:30 o'clock P. M. Song service conducted by Rev. Eli B. Thompson. When the hour arrived for the Doctrinal Sermon to be delivered by Rev. Dr. S. L. Morgan of the city Baptist church. He assisted by the pastor and moderator ascended the rostrum, the choir rendered a beautiful selection. The Moderator then introduced the speaker, Rev. Morgan began by saying he left his Association to come to you, because he was a friend of ours, and not only he, but we had many friends among the white. But I now speak to you of some of the important doctrines of the Baptist church. First one faith, one Lord, one baptism. Second Baptism by emersion, Christ the head of the church. This may be plainly illustrated by the form of government: plutocratic, autocratic, and democratic. The Baptist have a democratic form, and after explaining these forms, he added that as the people learned more of the Baptist faith and doctrines, they were flocking to the Baptist churches. He concluded his brief, but powerful sermon, by admonishing the preachers not to fight and embitter other denominations, but preach the Word; hold up Christ, and He would do the drawing. Prayer was offered by Rev. I. J. Howell, "Nearer My God to Thee" was selected by the choir. Next a report from the Ordaining Council was reported (see report.) On motion the report was received, and the Ordination be the closing form of the last day's sssion (carried.) Rev. W. J. Solomon pays one dollar and became a life member of the Association. The Secretary made a remark that the Association had failed to elect a board of managers for the Peace Institute (accepted) Whereupon the board was elected.

Benediction by Rev. W. A. Blackwell.

Third Day's Morning Session.

At 9 o'clock A. M. sharp the Association assembled. Praise services conducted in the form of a general prayer meeting. At its conclusion the Moderator announced that the meeting was duly opened and ready for the transaction of business. The minutes of the previous sessions were called for and read and approved. As this was the last day, every committee and messenger got

busy, and their reports were hurriedly handed in. The hour having arrived for the annual sermon by Rev. T. H. Burwell. Rev. Burwell assisted by the Pastor, ascended the rostrum and after singing No. 426 Rev. Burwell chose this text, Hebrew 2:6, "What is man? that thou art mindful fo him, or the Son of Man, that thou visiteth him?" Theme, God in Man. This indeed was an inspiring, enlightening, very instructive and edifying, filled with the truth of God from the beginnig to the end. After hearing several reports, a short intermission.

Benediction by Rev. J. S. Williams.

Last Day's Afternoon Session.

Song service by Rev. Thompson. The Moderator announced that the house was ready for the completion of the business of the Association. A few remaining committees reported, and the Ordaining Services took place as was voted as follows. Rev. Percy V. Wyche, was brought before the assembled audience. Rev. J. A. Levister sang, "Go Preach My Gospel, Saith the Lord." Rev. S. G. Grigg read 16th chapter 1st Tim. 5 to 16th verses. Prayer by Rev. Levister. Second hymn by Rev. Grigg, No. 700 B. H. B. "I Am Not Ashamed of Own My God." Rev. Eli B. Thompson, who preached the Ordaining Sermon, selected as a text the 9th chapter of Luke 16th verse.

After this the applicants were summoned by the Council and other Divines. While they sang "How Beautious Are the Feet of Him Who Stands on Zion's Hill." All bowing in prayer led by Rev. J. R. Hicks and the laying on hands. After this Rev. T. H. Burwell gave the charge. Rev. S. L. Parham presented the Bible. Thus closing the thirty-first annual sitting of the Middle Baptist Association of North Carolnia.

REV. S. L. PARHAM, Moderator.

P. M. WYCHE, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following:

Whereas, the habit of drinking as a beverage causes the mistreatment of families, neighbors, and churches; and is debasing to communities; Therefore be it resolved;

First, That this Association denounce intemperance as an evil agent, leading its victims down; making orphans, and augmenting the convict roll of our County and State.

Resolved second, That each Pastor and Preacher preach against this evil to human Society, for the Bible says in Num. 6th chapter 1, 2, 3rd verses, "and the Lord spake unto Moses: speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them when either man or woman shall separate themselves to vow, a vow of a Nazarite to separate themselves unto the Lord. He shall separate himself from wine, and strong drink and shall drink no vinegar or strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, or eat moist grapes or dried."

Respectfully submitted,
REV. W. A. BLACKWELL.
STEPHEN HART,
G. R. BRAME,
J. S. P. SMITH,
B. L. ROYSTER,
F. A. CLARK, Committee.

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council for the Middle Baptist Association, beg leave to report that we had one applicant, Rev. Percy V. Wyche to come before the Council for Ordination and after a full, and thorough examination we found him a worthy, and well-fit for Ordination, with a single exception.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. E. D. SMITH, Chairman
REV. T. H. BURWELL, Catechiser
REV. S. G. GRIGG,
DEACON STEPHEN HART,
REV. J. A. LEVISTER,
REV. ELI B. THOMPSON, Sec'y.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY

We, your committee on Obituary, beg to submit the following report. Whereas the good Lord has seen fit in His wisdom to remove from our midst our Bro. W. E. Taylor. Therefore we resolve to humbly submit ourselves for the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh, blessed be the name of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted.
REV. T. M. YOUNG, Ch'm,
J. S. WILLIAMS,
J. C. KELLY,
MOSES DAVIS,
HENRY SMITH,
ROBERT PEACE —Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report. Whereas ignorance is a hinderance to the moral and spiritual uplift of the people; and whereas the Apostle Paul said, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" and whereas God is calling the young men because they are strong. Therefore be it resolved that we encourage the young ministers of this Association to enter the Theological department of the National Training School of Durham, N. C. or Shaw University of Raleigh, N. C., and prepare themselves for the great task that lays before them. Resolve further that each church, and pastor, urge each member to give 2 cents each regular preaching day for Foreign Missions and Ministerial Education.

Respectfully submitted,
ELI B. THOMPSON, Ch'm,
F. P. JONES,
T. M. YOUNG,
I. J. HOWARD,
EDMUND WILLIAMS, Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION

We, your committee on Appropriation, beg leave to submit the following recommendation:

For Scholarship in Shaw University	$ 50.00
For Orphan Asylum, Oxford, N. C.	15.00
To Delegate to State Convention	10.00
To Sexton of Spring Street Church	4.00
Compiling Minutes and Services	15.00
Printing Minutes	40.00
Letter blank forms	4.00
Bro. J. A. Evans	5.00
Rev. Harkless Hicks	6.57
Sister Bettie West	7.18
Rev. Cele	33.00
Representation fee in State Convention	13.00
For Missions sent to State Convention	25.00
Total Disbursement	$227.75

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. SATTERWHITE, Ch'm,
J. H. SILLS,
T. H. BURWELL,
J. H. PEACE, —Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on Resolutions, submit the following: Whereaas, the Spring Street Baptist church, Pastor and the good people of Henderson, have so highly entertained the Middle Baptist Association. Therefore be it resolved, that a vote of thanks be tendered them for their kind hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,
ELI B. THOMPSON,
J. W. BURWELL,
J. C. COBB, —Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We, your committee on Nomination of Officers, etc., beg leave to submit the following:

For Moderator, Rev. S. L. Parham; for Vice-Moderator, Rev. Eli B. Thompson; for Treasurer, J. H. Peace; Auditor, Leonard Bullock; Recording Secretary, P. M. Wyche; Corresponding Secretary, J. E. Scott.

Ordaining Council—Rev. T. H. Burwell, Ch'm, E. D. Smith, S. G. Grigg, W. A. Blackwell, Stephen Hart.

Executive Committee—Rev. S. L. Parham, Ch'm., G. W. Lewis, B. G. Taylor, J. H. Satterwhite, Matthew Chavis, J. W. Burwell, G. W. Henderson, F. J. Littlejohn.

Respectfully submitted,

B. G. TAYLOR, Ch'm,
J. H. SATTERWHITE,
E. B. WILLIAMS,
GEORGE SNEED,
C. H. PLUMMER,
HARRY UMSTEAD,
MATT CHAVIS,
LEONARD BULLOCK,
WILLIAM HOWARD,
FRANK J. LITTLEJOHN,
J. I. McKNIGHT,
F. CARPENTER,
JAS. DANIEL,
C. KING,
A. C. CROSS,
G. W. WILLIAMS,
D. BURWELL,
RICHARD WATKINS,
D. HARRIS,
ERSKINE SNEED,
G. W. HENDERSON,
W. J. SOLOMOND,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to offer the following as our report: We have received the following amounts:

From Churches	$283.39
For Sister Bettie West	7.18
For Bro. H. Hicks	6.57
General Collection	25.11
W. G. Cele	33.00
Total	$355.25
	40.18
	$315.07

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. SCOTT,
B. G. TAYLOR,
J. I. COOKE, —Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE

We, your committee on Place, beg leave to report that the next sitting of this Association be held with the Davis Chapel Baptist church in Granville county, near Stovall.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. PEACE,
G. W. LEWIS,
WARREN PERRY,
NORMAN SMITH,
WILLIE WILLIAMS,—Committee

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I, J. E. Scott, Auditor for the Association, beg to submit the following: I certify that I have carefully examined the papers and vouchers of the Treasurer for the year 1919, and find them perfectly correct to the best of my knoweldge and belief.

Submitted this the 8th day of October, 1920.

J. E. SCOTT, Auditor.

A STANDING RESOLUTION

Whereas, it is one of the leading objects of this Association to assist in the education of the Ministry; and, Whereas, this Association purposes by the Lord's help to carry out His noble objects as far as possible; Therefore be it Resolved, That at this sitting of the Association we will donate from the funds of the Association twelve dollars ($12.00) to assist in educating some worthy young man who is trying to educate himself for the Ministry in the Theological Department of Shaw University, under the following plan: (to wit.) That the Association or Executive Board shall have the privilege to name such young man as shall be aided from such fund. That three dollars per month is to be paid as part payment to said school for four months; Provided he remains studying the ministry. Resolved second, That we pledge ourselves in good faith to continue this donation with increasd amount if possible, until we shall be able to educate for the ministry only; some God-called young man,

Respectfully submitted,
R. I. WALDEN.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Brethren of the Middle Baptist Association of North Carolina:

Again we have been permitted to live through another Associational year and allowed by grace to meet today face to face and eye to eye in this our thirty-first annual session, for one purpose I trust and that purpose is for the advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth.

Our meeting together and interchanging ideas should be of mutual aid to us, as Christian workers in working out our many problems that arise on our various fields, and the pushing forward of the cause of our King.

We trust as we are meeting in the metropolis of Vance county; one of the most progressive little cities in the State, with its many properous business enterprises, churches and schools, and among a people who are so noted for unstinted generosity you will be so inspiried that you will go from here with the fullest assurance that the committee made no mistake in recommending this session to convene in Henderson, N. C., and with the Spring Street Baptist Church and its hospitable membership.

FIELD SURVEY

Again I am glad to greet you as fellow-labourers, I have been with you in your many struggles; whether present in person or absent. My duty as your President for the last five years has been to watch over the field and preside over your meetings. A duty I feel justly proud of. I have not attempted to perform this duty autocratically nor as a critic; but as one who considers his mission is to be watchful and ready to serve my fellow co-labourers in any way I am able to do. Thus we are in the spirit of the true leader who said, "I come not to be ministered unto but to minister," and to give His life a ransom for many.

It is with much pleasure for me to say, our brethren, have been working to gether as in other years very harmoniously. I have received the very warmest respect from all the brethren, owing to the fact as you know I have a very large field to work and the many urgent needs of the field, together with the special duty imposed upon me by the State Convention as one of the supervisors for the $150,000 drive for the objects of our denomination, I have not visited many of the churches locally, yet I have successfully reached most all of the churches during the three months of educational meetings, held during the Spring.

Some I recall have co-operated with the movement and have shown it not merely in words but in a more tangible way. They have appointed their committees and reported handsome sums of money for the realization of our aims in the State and Foreign field. Some have acted with decided indifference to the movement.

We thank God for the few faithful stewards of Christ, who recognize the unavoidable truth, that, all I am and all I have or will have are God's. For it belongs to Him of whom it is said, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof," and as the Apostle Paul said, "I am bought with a price, I am not my own," one of the greatest needs of the day is true men and women as

preachers and teachers; not only prepared in the letter, but men and women born of God, trained by the Holy Spirit, the abiding guide and teacher, one who commissions and pledges Himself to be with you in the prosecution of the mission.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, a Holy Ghost, Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

Men and women who are unselfish, self-denying, and self-forgetting in the putting forth of the Kingdom of Christ.

We find wherever the people are pastored by this type of ministers the cause of Christ is first and the people alive, both materially and spiritually. God pours out upon such people His richest blessings. He challenges the church when He said:

"Bring ye all the tithes into the store house that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts if I will not open you the windows of heavens and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

OUTLOOK

We are living in the most progressive age of our history. If we are permitted to place the church movements along by the side of the world movements, the outlook is essentially optimistic. The world movements are racing at their highest gear, old time horse drawn tage coaches have been successfully supplanted by electric driven cars; horses and buggies are rapidly giving way to automobiles. Electricity once deathly dreaded by the wise has become a domestic necessity. Telegraphy and telephone systems have united the world into one family. The air waves have been so harnessed and subdued until they are made to convey the human voice to the ears of others across the seas.

Man dissatisfied with travel on land now flys—finding associates among the winged inhabitants.

The rivers have been pushed back out of their beds and canals constructed under them so as to relieve the traffic in congested cities by travel under the river.

Shall the church drag along at the same old gait?

Or should the church put on more speed?

The church is God's earthly enterprise, one He gave His life to establish. It is the channel through which the Master has designated that all must enter if they would have enternal life.

I fear the churches have to a very great extent underestimated the work of "soul saving." We have spent our many millions of dollars and our best energies in church improvements while millions of starving souls as precious in God's sight as ours are begging for the crumbs from our table.

The Macedonian call is heard from every corner of the earth: "Come and help us!"

It is encouraging to know that so many of our strong young men and women are offering themselves so unreservedly unto the Lord to be used by Him in the dark and benighted lands of Africa and Haiti.

The Isaiah's of old are being multiplied in this age. We constantly hear among our congregation young men and women saying, "Here am I, send me! Send me!"

CHURCH CO-OPERATION WITH CHRIST

The Christian Church today is manifestingly in harmony with the Great Head of the Church. Evidently in the gigantic effort to extend the Kingdom in the unknown parts of the earth. The churches of all denominations have set themselves to raise large sums of money for the next five years to come for the extension of the Kingdom of God in the world.

The amount set before the negro Baptists of North Carolina is one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Secondly, in the proclaiming the doctrine delivered from the mouth of Him who is in authority: "The one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism."

EVANGELISM

Jesus is interested in the souls of men and women; it does not matter whether the soul is clothed in black or white skin; or whether it be an inhabitant of this proud republic or of the wasted shores of Africa or the little neglected and blood-drained island of Haiti. For God is no respector of person. But in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him.

THE LOTT CAREY CONVENTION

I attended the Lott Carey Convention in the city of Portsmouth, Va., August 31st to September 4th, 1920. This sitting was considered the greatest of its history, especially from the financial view, more than thirty thuosand dollars were reported there, of this amount more than nine thousand dollars were sent up from North Carolina. I am proud to add that the women of North Carolina reported more money than any other State represented. The convention was graced by the presence of many returned Missionaries. Among them were Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Thomas, Liberia, Africa; Rev. Cele, of Zulaland, Africa; one lady from Haiti, one from South Africa. Their message assured the convention much had been done on the field, but it was only a beginning of what is to be done if Africa and Haiti is to be saved. The next session will be held in the city of Newark, N. J., Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, 1921.

I do not see the wisdom of adding recommendations to those made last year, and adopted. I only wish to see them continued and more virogously put in force.

It might be well to add one more: That every pastor and church cooperate with the work of the State Convention and Rev. G. W. Watkins, our capable Field Secretary, in the raising of the One Hnudred and Fifty Thousand Dollars Annually for five years for Missions and State objects. Namely: Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Shaw Unniversity, Secondary Schools, Orphan Asylums, Superanuated Ministers and General State Work.

Thanking you for the confidence and trust you have from time to time reposed in me, I am humbly your,

S. L. PARHAM, President.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Middle Baptist Missionary Association of North Carolina, and shall be composed of pastors of churches belonging to the Union, and members chosen by the different churches, whom they deem best qualified to represent them in the Association.

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to encourage in every practical way the true worship of God, the spread of the Gospel, education in the Ministry, to aid weak churches and to assist in establishing churches wherever needed.

Article 3. Each church represented in this Association shall express the number of members in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last Association.

Article 4. The pastors and the members chosen by the churches of this Union shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches, but they may, from time to time recommend to any or all the churches of this Association such measures as in their opinion will further the Master's kingdom among men.

Article 5. This Association shall have for its officers a President, Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Clerks, Treasurer, Auditor, and Executive Board, and by virtue of offices, the President and Clerks shall be President and Clerks of the Board; and the Board shall meet subject to the call of the President.

Article 6. The Moderator shall preside in all meetings of the Association, secure order, state and put all questions, and announce the votes cast. The Clerk shall record the actions of the Association and see that the proceedings of each session are printed in Minutes and distributed to each church and account of the same kept separate for report. The Treasurer shall hold all moneys, papers or bonds belonging to the Association, subject to the ruling of the Association, and shall make an annual report of all moneys, papers or bonds belonging to the Association, subject to the ruling of the Association, and shall make an annual report of all moneys, papers or bonds belonging to the said Association.

Article 7. Other churches may be represented in this Association who may petition by letter or delegation. If found in Gospel order the Moderator shall give the right hand of fellowship.

Atricle 8. Every church in this Association shall be entitled to a representative, but no Church shall send more than three delegates to one sitting.

Article 9. This Association shall endeavor to furnish the Churches with the Minutes. The best method of effecting this purpose shall be left to the direction of the Association.

Article 10. We think it absolutely necessary to have an Associational Fund for defraying the expenses of the Association. For raising this fund we think it the duty of each Church of this Association to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send it by the hands of their delegates to this Association.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of each Church of this Association to send by its delegates or letters to each sitting of this

Association, such named sum as it is willing to send as a donation to the next sitting of the Association. Such sum will be expected.

Article 12. This Association shall have power to enquire of any Church of Churches why they are not represented at any sitting of this Association, and if they have been wronged this Association shall endeavor to correct the wrong.

Article 13. This Association shall have an Executive Board, of which the President and Secretary shall be members. The members who shall constitute said Board shall be decided upon by the body.

Article 14. The work of the Executive Board shall be independent of all parties, subject to the criticism and correction of the Association. And one of the duties of the Executive Board shall be to prepare programmes for each sitting of the Association.

Article 15. This Constitution can be changed or altered by a two-third vote of the Association at any regular meeting.

BY-LAWS

1st. That no person or persons shall bring their personal matters against any individual who belongs or may belong to this body without the consent of the Association. That the Moderator shall have power to decide whether any matter is personal.

2nd. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3rd. Any brother desiring to speak or make a motion shall rise, address the Moderator with the word "Brother," and shall not proceed to speak until the Moderator recognizes him.

4th. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he breaks the rules of this decorum.

5th. The person speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before him, but shall fairly state the case so as to convey his ideas.

6th. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject unless obtaining liberty from the Association.

7th. It shall be a breach of order for any brother or brothers to whisper while another brother is speaking.

8th. The Moderator shall see that each brother, when speaking, strictly adheres to rules of this decorum.

9th. The names of the several members shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as the Association requires.

10th. The Moderator shall not be entitled to vote except in case of a tie.

11th. Any person who shall knowingly break any of these rules shall be reporved by this body as they may deem proper.

12th. That the Association does not recognize Ministers who go outside of the bounds of the Association for ordination.

13th. These rules shall be subject to a change or amendment by a majority vote at any regular session.